

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete the paragraph at page 1, lines 4-6, and substitute therefor the following new paragraph:

--This application is a Divisional application of application Serial No. 09/473,300, filed December 28, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,383,467, which is a Divisional application of application Serial No. 08/630,501, filed April 10, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 6,268,086.--

Please delete the paragraph at page 1, lines 15-20 and substitute therefor the following new paragraph:

--The ~~Lithium~~ lithium secondary battery using lithium metal for the negative electrode has some problems relating to safety. For example, lithium easily deposits like dendrite on the lithium metal negative electrode during repeated charging and discharging of the battery, and if the dendritic lithium grows to a positive electrode, an internal short circuit will be caused between the positive electrode and the negative electrode.--

Please insert Table 1, enclosed herewith in the Appendix, at page 23, between lines 4 and 5, of the specification.

Please delete the present Abstract in its entirety, and substitute therefor the new Abstract set forth in the Appendix herein.